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CHAMPIONS IN THE CLASSROOM

Huntsville ISD serves approx. 6,000 students in grades PK-12.

- Full Day Pre-Kindergarten
- 16 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- Dual Credit through partnership with Lone Star College
- Pilot partnership with The University of Texas (OnRamps)
- Offers ALL 16 Career Clusters recognized by the TEA
 - Comp TIA A+Certification for Computer Science
 - Word for Business Information
 - Adobe for Audio Video Production
 - ServSafe Food Safety Managers license for Culinary Arts
 - AWS for Welding
 - Transportation ASE Automotive Technology
 - Certified Medical Assistant / Certified Nurses Aid for Health Science
 - Cosmetology licenses







CHAMPIONS IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Millions of dollars in scholarships are awarded to Huntsville High School seniors annually. In the past 2 years, graduates have earned upwards of \$4,000,000 in scholarships for academics, athletics and military service.

Class of 2020 Graduates:

- Approximately \$2.5M in scholarships
- 1 National Merit Finalist
- 1 National Merit Commended Student
- 2 Smith-Hutson Scholarship recipients (\$90,000 each) to SHSU
- Full ride scholarships to St. Mary's University, Sam Houston St. University, and University of North Texas
- Our graduates also attend other major universities, such as Baylor, University
 of Texas, and Texas A&M just name a few







CHAMPIONS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Huntsville ISD offers 22 athletic programs (11 sports - boys/girls).

- More than 700 students are involved in athletics annually
- Many earn district & state level titles in UIL Class 5A Sports:
 - o 2019-2020 Bi-District Champs, Area Champs Football, Boys Basketball
 - 。 2019-2020 District Champs: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball
 - 。 Bi-District Playoff: Football, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball
 - 。 Bi-District Champs: Football, Boys Basketball
 - Regional Qualifiers: Football, Boys Basketball, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Powerlifting, Swim
 - Regional Finalist: Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling
 - 51 students were named All District Academics
 - 11 Student named ALL STATE Academics
 - 1 Student name ALL STATE Academics Elite
 12 Athletic Scholarship Recipients







CHAMPIONS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Huntsville ISD begins offering fine arts in elementary school with Choir, Dance and Theatre Arts available at the secondary schools.

- Huntsville High School is home to the UIL Sweepstakes award-winning Hornet Military Marching Band, over 200 members strong
- Other Fine Arts program accomplishments include:
 - Nationally recognized Dance Team
 - HHS Theatre Arts Program UIL Award Recipient
 - MPMS Theatre Arts Program UIL Award Recipient
 - HHS & MPMS Visual Arts programs students routinely earn top honors/awards for their artwork in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo's School Art Program & the Walker County Fair & Rodeo









CHAMPIONS IN SCHOOL FINANCE

- Huntsville ISD has decreased the tax rate over the past seven years by over 17 cents.
- Huntsville ISD the second-lowest tax rate, compared to area school districts.
- Defeased bonds in 2017 for \$980,000 and again in 2020 for \$660,000 saving taxpayers \$328,500 in interest on those bonds.
- Earned an "A" for "Superior Achievement" under the Texas School FIRST financial accountability system for three years in a row (2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020).
- Increased teacher/staff compensation for 3 years in a row.

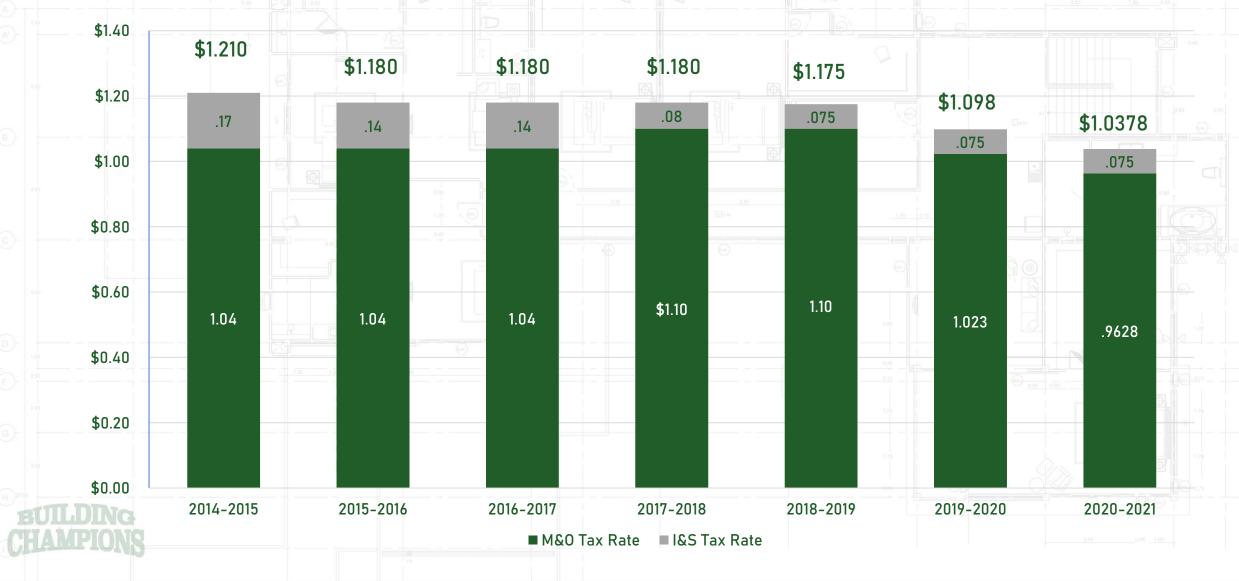








HUNTSVILLE ISD TAX RATE HISTORY



AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATE COMPARISON

M&O RATE	I&S RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE
\$1.0547	\$0.2550	\$1.3097
\$0.8647	\$0.3750	\$1.2397
\$0.9525	\$0.2800	\$1.2325
\$0.9564	\$0.2690	\$1.2254
\$0.9071	\$0.3000	\$1.2071
\$0.9425	\$0.2600	\$1.2025
\$1.0472	\$0.1200	\$1.1672
\$0.9764	\$0.1889	\$1.1653
\$0.9631	\$0.1900	\$1.1531
\$1.0240	\$0.1103	\$1.1343
\$0.9628	\$0.0750	\$1.0378
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Are property taxes "high" in Huntsville compared to other places?

	Location	2020 Appraised Value	School Taxes	Other Property Taxes	Total Property Taxes
	Huntsville ISD/ Walker County	\$249,690	\$2,331	\$2,248	\$4,580
	Kirbyville CISD/ Jasper County	\$248,644	\$2,910	\$1,368	\$4,278
	College Station ISD/ Brazos County	\$249,630	\$3,067	\$2,570	\$5,638
	Montgomery ISD/ Montgomery County	\$248,750	\$3,252	\$2,571	\$5,823
	Cypress Fairbanks ISD/ Harris County	\$249,559	\$3,382	\$2,385	\$5,767
	Willis ISD/ Montgomery County	\$250,000	\$3,468	\$3,175	\$6,643

What happens when a district has an extremely low Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate, like we do in Huntsville ISD?

Major purchases, including buses, renovations, technology, expensive repairs and system replacements are paid from Maintenance & Operations (M&O) dollars instead of through bond debt.

Most districts, especially those with an appropriate amount of bond debt, spend over 85% of their M&O dollars on people - in the form of salaries and benefits for employees.

In Huntsville, we spend approximately 70% of our M&O budget on people. Why? Because we must use M&O dollars for items that other districts finance through bond debt.

A successful bond initiative will shift our spending to the correct side of the budget, leaving more money for people and instructional programming.



Where We

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

In an effort to assess current facilities needs and plan for the future, Huntsville ISD assembled a Long Range Facility Master Plan Committee to review data and documentation, assess potential options, and make a recommendation on how to move forward to the School Board.

- 79 members Met 7 times from February 2020 to June 2020
- Presented committee recommendation to Board of Trustees on July 16, 2020
- Board unanimously adopted the Long Range Facility Master Plan on August 13, 2020
- Board will consider calling a bond election to fund the recommended projects in 2021.









PROPOSED NEW GRADE ALIGNMENT

The Long Range Facility Master Plan proposes realigning the grade levels:

- Fewer transitions
- Fewer campuses for drop off/pick up for parents with multiple children
- More time to build positive relationships on a campus before kids move
- More efficient operations (fewer campuses = less recurring costs)
- Aligned with majority of successful districts

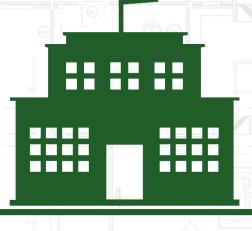


PK - 5



MIDDLE SCHOOL

6 - 8



HIGH SCHOOL

9 - 12

HIGHLIGHTED MASTER PLAN PROJECTS

Extensive Safety, Security, and Maintenance improvements at ALL_CAMPUSES

- Major renovation projects at Mance Park Middle School to accommodate 3 grades, including more classrooms, a larger cafeteria with performance stage, extensive renovations to athletic/PE and fine arts areas, and enhanced security
- Renovate and improve Stewart Elementary including new classrooms & enhanced security
- Renovate and improve Huntsville Elementary including new classrooms & enhanced security
- Renovate and improve Samuel Walker Houston Elementary including new classrooms & enhanced security





HIGHLIGHTED MASTER PLAN PROJECTS

- Renovate and improve Huntsville Intermediate School to become the new Scott Johnson Elementary
- Construct new baseball and softball competition fields on the Huntsville High School campus
- Construct new district auditorium on the Huntsville High School campus
- Renovate Gibbs Building to replace existing Support & Learning Center
- Renovate Scott Johnson Elementary to become Community Center







3 WAYS THIS PLAN FOCUSES ON OUR "MAIN THING" – STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

- 1) REALIGNMENT OF GRADE LEVELS proven model with only two building transitions, provides a better academic and developmental environment for students and convenience for parents
- 2) IMPROVED INSTRUCTIONAL ENVIRONMENTS AT ALL CAMPUSES renovations will enhance teacher effectiveness and student academic achievement by improving instructional spaces, safety and aesthetics
- 3) INCREASED \$\$\$\$ FOR PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS proper debt allows more Maintenance and Operations dollars to be spent on staff and instructional programming







ESTIMATED COST & TAX IMPACT

- The total estimated cost for the proposed master plan projects is \$92,000,000
- A \$92,000,000 bond election would increase the tax rate by a <u>maximum</u> of \$0.06
- For a \$100,000 home (taxable value) this increase to the tax rate would equal
 \$60 per year
- Tax rate would not increase immediately
- Taxes would not increase for voters 65+ with a homestead exemption







NEXT STEPS

Huntsville ISD has made significant strides in academic achievement, accountability and fiscal responsibility over the last few years. It is the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee to now consider making significant strides in our district's educational facilities.

- Community presentations regarding "how we got here" will be scheduled
- Huntsville ISD Board of Trustees will consider a bond referendum to fund the proposed projects
- If a bond is called, Huntsville ISD and supporters will begin an extensive informational community campaign to educate voters on the proposed projects







CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL

ATHLETIC MASTERPLAN

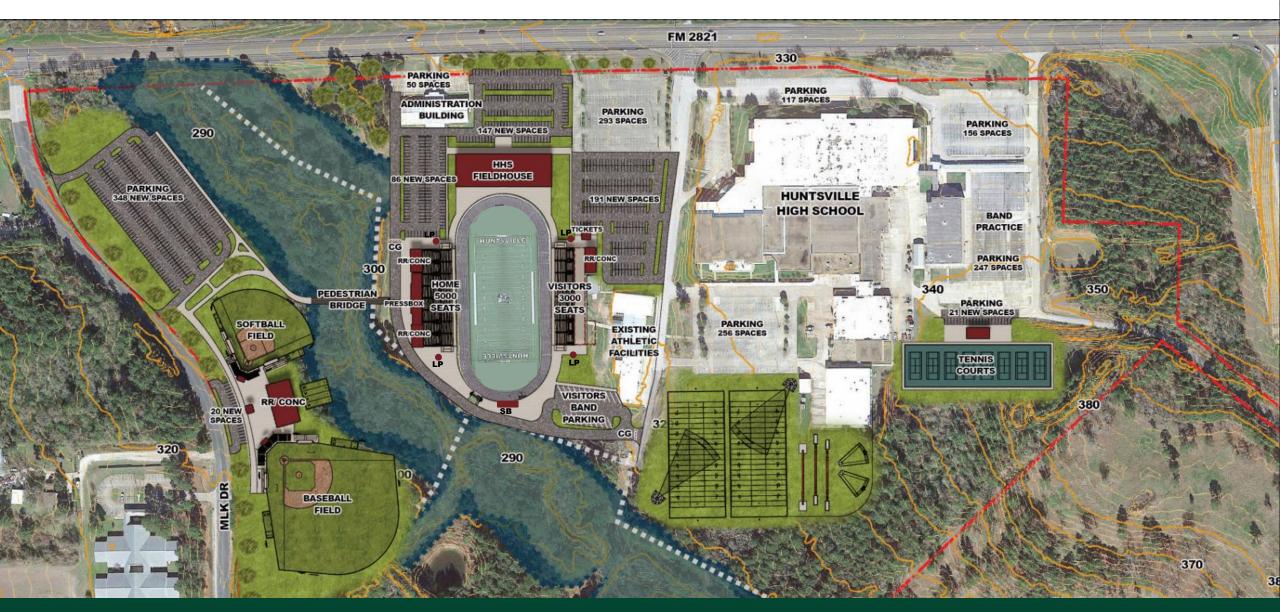


ATHLETIC MASTERPLAN



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ATHLETIC MASTERPLAN



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ESTIMATED COST & TAX IMPACT

- The total estimated cost for the proposed additional projects is \$30 to \$35 million
- If approved, this additional and separate proposal would increase the tax rate by a maximum of \$0.0414 to \$0.0486
- For a \$100,000 home (taxable value) this increase to the tax rate would equal approximately \$41 to \$48 per year
- Tax rate would not increase immediately
- Taxes would not increase for voters 65+ with a homestead exemption







INVESTING IN HUNTSVILLE ISD IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

- Better school facilities will keep families here as well as attract new families who will improve our community
- District owned athletic facilities will bring additional revenue to local businesses and increase sales tax revenue to help the community
- We are either "green and growing or ripe and rotting." Which would you rather be?
- A stronger Huntsville ISD = a stronger Huntsville!





THANK YOU!

Your support is necessary for us to continue

Building Champions

in Huntsville ISD for future generations!